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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

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- U.S. Basic National Fees
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- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Preliminary Amendments
- Request for Immediate Examination
- Small Entity Statement
- Preliminary Amendments have not been entered because Page 2a of the annexes of the International Preliminary Amendment could not have been entered into the application because it was not a page for page translation..

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- \$130 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 30 months months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

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Additionally the following defects have been observed:

- Additional claim fees of **\$280** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$410** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$280**
  - **\$280** for multiple dependant claims surcharge.

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